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The Honorable Bob Martinez Governor of Florida The Capitol Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Martinez:

This is an update to my letter dated August 11 discussing the probability of Naval Air Station Whiting Field being proposed for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Priority List (NPL).

Through my liaison with the EPA, I have learned that this proposal continues to be delayed. I now expect to receive notification in April 1989.

Prior to receiving full federal support and funding, the Navy is taking the following actions:

- Establishing a Technical Review Committee which will begin regular meetings upon actually being proposed for the NPL. This committee will review and comment on the Navy's actions during the course of remediation.
- Hiring E.C. Jordan Company, an engineering consultant, to begin the on-site remedial investigation and feasibility study now.

I will continue to keep you informed of our progress.

Sincerely,

P. E. PEDISICH Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer